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SUBJECT: ISRAELI ATOMIC ENERGY PLANS

1. KRATZER AND HELFRICH, ERDA, MET WITH SHALHEVETH FREIER, DIRECTOR GENERAL, ISRAELI ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION ON 23 SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS ATOMIC ENERGY SITUATION IN ISRAEL. FREIER STATED THAT ISRAEL WAS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND HAD RECEIVED OR WERE EXPECTING TO RECEIVE PROPOSALS FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC, WESTINGHOUSE AND BABCOCK AND WILCOX. HOPED TO BE ABLE TO EVALUATE PROPOSALS BY END OF YEAR.

2. FREIER NOTED THAT THERE WERE FOUR POTENTIAL PROBLEMS IN PROCEEDING WITH PROJECT: (A) SITE LOCATION -- CONCERN HAS DEVELOPED RE SEISMIC SUITABILITY OF PRESENTLY CONSIDERED SITE AND THIS IS UNDER STUDY; (B) HARDENING OF SITE -- SINCE SITE IS LOCATED ON COAST IT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO HARDEN IT AGAINST POSSIBLE NAVAL BOMBARDMENT -- THIS IS CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED IN CONJUNCTION WITH SANDIA AND LRL LABS; (C) FUNDING -- IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN
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AN EX-IM BANK LOAN TO FINANCE PROJECT AND

(D) AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WOULD HAVE TO BE
CONCLUDED WITH THE US. FREIER STATED THAT UPON HIS
RETURN HOME HE PLANNED RECOMMEND TO HIS GOVERNMENT
THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE RESUMED ON THIS AGREEMENT. TAPE

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